

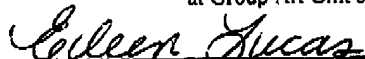
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 23, 2005. This reply is submitted within five months of the Final Office Action with a two month extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

Examiner has objected to claims 18 and 19. Please enter the amendments and consider the remarks, which follow, with regard to claims 18 and 19.

Examiner has rejected claims 1-17, 20 and 21. Applicant is providing a Notice of Appeal under 35 U.S.C 134 with regard to claims 1-17, 20 and 21.